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SUBJ: EARLY WARNING: FUTURE METROPOLITAN TRAIN IN BOGOTA:
MASS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

1. PROJECT NAME: METROPOLITAN TRAIN

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: BOGOTA CITY COUNCIL IS STUDYING
THE FEASIBILITY OF THE CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND
OPERATION OF A METROPOLITAN TRAIN SYSTEM IN BOGOTA. THE
PURPOSE OF THIS PROJECT IS TO SOLVE THE CITY'S ACUTE
TRAFFIC AND MASS TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM. THE METROPOLITAN
TRAIN WIL UTILIZE THE EXISTING RAILROAD TRACKS WHICH ARE
OWNED BY THE NATIONAL RAILWAYS COMPANY. AT THE PRESENT TIME,
THERE ARE 252 BUS ROUTES, COVERING A TOTAL OF 5,631 KILOMETERS
AVERAGING 3.9 MILLION TRIPS DAILY, AND TRANSPORTING 1 MILLON
300 THOUSAND PASSENGERS.

3. COST: ESTIMATED INITIAL COST OF THE PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDES
THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL RR EQUIPMENT REQUIRED BY THE BOGOTA
TRANSPORT SYSTEM, AMOUNTS TO HALF A MILLION DOLLARS.

4. FINANCING: THE PROPOSAL CALLS FOR THE UTILIZATION OF FUNDS
OBTAINED FROM THE INTER AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND ORIGINALLY
DESTINED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE AVENIDA DE LOS CERROS.
OTHER SOURCES FINANCING HAVE NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED

5. ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING SERVICES REQUIRED: DESIGN AND
CONSTRUCTION OF WHAT WILL BE KNOWN AS THE METROPOLITAN TRAIN
HIGHWAY, 100 METERS WIDE, WITH THE TRAIN RUNNING IN THE MIDDLE,
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AUTOMOBILES ON BOTH SIDES, AND PATHWAYS FOR BICYCLES, PLUS

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INTERMEDIATE STATIONS ALONG THE WAY.
6. EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: SIC 3621311 RAILROAD MOTORS AND & CONTROL
EQUIPMENT, ELECTRIC. SIC 3743171 LOCOMOTIVE AIR BREAKING,
TRACTION AND WHEELING SYSTEMS.

7. PROCEDURES: SUPPLYING OF EQUIPMENT WILL BE AWARDED ON THE
BASIS OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING.

8. DEADLINES HAVE NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED SINCE PROPOSAL IS STILL
UNDER CONSIDERATION AND STUDY BY THE BOGOTA CITY COUNCIL.
HOWEVER, PROJECT HAS BEEN APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE, AND FINAL APPROVAL
IS EXPECTED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

9. IMPLEMENTING OFFICE:

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THE INSTITUTP DE DESARROLLO URBANO (IDU) INSTITUTE OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

IS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF BOGOTA CITY HALL (MAYOR'S OFFICE). THE
INSTITUTE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR UNDERTAKING STUDIES FOR THE URBAN
DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION, AND ITS MAIN
PURPOSE IS TO DEVELOP AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, ALSO
THE NATIONAL RAILWAYS A GOVERNMENT ENTITY IS VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN
THIS PROJECT, SINCE THE METROPOLITAN TRAIN WILL UTILIZE THE EXISTING
RR TRACKS, AS WELL AS THE PRESENT RR CARS. ITS DIRECTOR WILL BE A
MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN TRAIN SYSTEM BOARD, WHICH WILL BE

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COMPOSED ON ID'S DIRECTOR, THE DISTRICT BUS COMPANY'S DIRECTOR, AND
A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES WHICH WILL
SUPPLY THE BUSES TO TRANSFER PASSENGERS FROM INTERMEDIATE RR STATIONS
LOCATED IN KEY POINTS THROUGHTUT THE CITY.
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